

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND
(Southern Division)

DOROTHY VILLA,

Plaintiff,

v.

LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, LLC,

Defendant

Case No: 1:22-cv-1854

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

Defendant, Lowe's Home Centers, LLC ("Lowe's") by and through its undersigned counsel, hereby gives notice of removal of the above action from the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland ("Circuit Court"), to the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §§ 1332(a), 1441 and 1446. As set forth below, this Court has original diversity jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332. All requirements for the removal of this action are met through the allegations contained in the pleadings filed in this Circuit Court and in this Notice of Removal.

In support of this Notice of Removal, Lowe's states as follows:

1. There is pending in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, a Complaint styled *Dorothy Villa v. Lowe's Home Centers, LLC*, Case No. CAL22-16214 (the "State Court Action"). The Complaint in the State Court Action was filed on or about June 3, 2022. A copy of the Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

2. Defendant was served with the summons and complaint in the State Court Action on June 28, 2022.

3. This Notice of Removal is filed within thirty (30) days of the date on which Defendant first received a copy of the Complaint and is therefore timely under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b),

4. The State Court Action is properly removed under 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) because the State Court Action is subject to the original jurisdiction of the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332, as explained below.

5. Plaintiff is a resident of Baltimore City, Maryland. *See* Exhibit A, ¶ 1.

6. Lowe's is a Limited Liability Company organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina with its principal place of business in North Carolina. *See* SDAT printout, attached as Exhibit B. Its sole member is Lowe's Companies, Inc., which is a North Carolina Company with its principal place of business in North Carolina. *See*

7. Plaintiff's Complaint seeks compensatory damages in an amount in excess of \$75,000. *See* Exhibit A, p. 3.

8. This action is properly removed on grounds of diversity of citizenship between (a) complete diversity of citizenship exists between Plaintiff and all named defendants and (b) the amount in controversy herein exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000.

9. Written notice of the filing of this Notice of Removal will promptly be given to Plaintiff and the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland, as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).

WHEREFORE, Defendant, Lowe's respectfully requests that this case proceed before this Court as an action properly removed.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sandra T. Carson

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 27th day of July, 2022, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Removal and exhibits thereto were filed and served on counsel of record for all parties via the Court's CM/ECF system, and that a copy of the documents can be obtained from that site.

/s/ Sandra T. Carson

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